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**ENGLISH (Compulsory)**

**Paper : BCG-401**

Time Allowed—2 Hours]

[Maximum Marks—50

**Note** :— There are **Eight** questions of equal marks. Candidates are required to attempt any **Four** questions.

1. A. Fill in the following blanks with a suitable modal :
- (i) This is a wonderful place. I ..... stay here forever. (can/could)
  - (ii) We ..... respect our teachers. (should/must)
  - (iii) She ..... speak English fluently. (can/may)
  - (iv) That restaurant .... be very good. It's always empty. (can't/must)
- B. Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive :
- (i) It's a big factory. Five hundred people ..... (employ) there.
  - (ii) Water ..... (cover) most of the earth's surface.
  - (iii) I was born in London, but I .....(grow up) in Canada.

- C. Make one sentence from two. Use *Who/That/Which* :
- (i) Some people were arrested. They have now been set free.
  - (ii) He is a shopkeeper. He has won a lottery.
  - (iii) A girl fell in the well. She was taken to the hospital.
2. A. In the following sentences you need *who* or *that*. Correct them :
- (i) The women lives next door is a doctor.
  - (ii) The people work in the office are very nice.
  - (iii) The girl topped in the university is my sister.
  - (iv) The dog ran away from my house is a Pitbull.
- B. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions :
- (i) We went out ..... it was raining heavily.  
(although/because)
  - (ii) You can't go in ..... you are a member.  
(as long as/unless)
  - (iii) Travelling by car is comfortable ..... you have enough money. (provided/in case)
- C. Fill in the following blanks with a suitable modal :
- (i) Don't tell anybody what I said. You .....keep it a secret. (need to/must)

- (ii) I .....walk five miles continuously without getting tired. (can/have to)
- (iii) You look tired. You ..... go to bed. (would/should)

3. A. Write words that are similar in meaning to the following :

- (i) Enormous
- (ii) Borrowed money that needs to be repaid
- (iii) Resemblance
- (iv) Casual
- (v) Modify.

B. Find out the nominalised parts in any **three** of the following sentences :

- (i) The government's proposal to increase income tax has angered a lot of people.
- (ii) The emergence of drug-resistant bacteria is a cause of concern.
- (iii) The careless use of pesticides by farmers contaminated supplies of drinking water.
- (iv) The student's slow and painful adjustment to life overseas was to be expected.
- (v) The excessive use of anti-biotics is extremely dangerous.

4. A. Identify the problem markers and the problems in the following texts :

- (i) When people move to another country, one obstacle they may face is their inability to speak the language of their new home.
- (ii) The threat of possible nuclear war between the two superpowers lessened considerably in the 1990s.
- (iii) An important issue that the government has failed to address is unemployment.
- (iv) Differences in sociolinguistic rules of speaking can give rise to complications when people from two different cultures try to communicate.
- (v) Young people live in heavy debt because they have easy access to credit cards but have no sense to use them.

B. Write words that are similar in meaning to the following :

- (i) Catastrophic
- (ii) Accumulation
- (iii) Emerge
- (iv) Interpret
- (v) Potential.

5. Discuss the theme in the poem 'Because I Could not Stop for Death'.
6. Write about the significance of the title of the poem "The Emperor of Ice Cream".
7. Summarize the main ideas in the essay *The Water Crisis*.
8. What are the rules of speaking ?